(b) how many States have banned the practice of human pulling rickshaws;

(c) whether Government have extended its assistance to such States to rehabilitate these rickshaw pullers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Allocation under various schemes for disabled

2432. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of disabled persons in the country with State-wise break-up;

(b) the total allocation made by Central Government and State Governments under various schemes for the benefit of disabled alongwith actual release and utilisation of funds provided for the last five years and impact thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken fresh initiatives in formulating effective package and provide adequate financial provision for the benefit of disabled in the country alongwith details thereof;

(d) whether Government are considering strengthening/restructuring administrative organisation-dealing with various types of disabled persons; and

(e) if so, the details of action plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) A Sample survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation in 1991 covering four disabilities — visual, hearing, speech and locomotor estimated that there are about 16.15 million disabled persons constituting about 1.9% of the total population of the country. As regards mental retardation in a sample survey conducted by NSSO in 1991 for persons in the age group upto 14 years, it was estimated that about 3% suffer from delayed mental development.

(b) Against the total budget allocation (Plan) of Rs. 281.04 crores, the total amount of Rs. 201.62% crores have been released by this Ministry under various schemes for the benefit of disabled persons during the last 5 years. Details are given in Statement (see below). The impact thereof was satisfactory. The requisite information from the State Govts./UT Admns. is awaited.

(c) The National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation has been set up to function as an apex financial institution for providing financial assistance to disabled persons for their economic growth and development through self-employment and education.

(d) and (e) At present there is no proposal in this regard.

Statement

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Budget Allocation	Release
1993-94	40.90	27.46
1994-95	41.90	41.91
1995-96	45.90	39.39
1996-97	45.90	36.21
1997-98	106.44	56.65
TOTAL:	281.04	201.62

Share Capital of NSFDC

2433. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the authorised share capital of National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled

Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC).

(b) the amount of budgetory provision made for NSFDC during last three years;

(c) whether the allocation has been enhanced in 1998-99; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Rs. 1000 crores.

(b) 1995-96 — Rs. 65 crores
1996-97 — Rs. 65 crores
1997-98 — Rs. 96 crores

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Welfare of SCs etc. in Assam

2434. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of project-wise expenditure for the welfare of the SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities, widow women, orphan children, old aged persons, terrorist affected women and children in the country, particularly in the State of Assam during the last three years and till date; and

(b) the details of schemes being implemented for welfare of these persons and the extent of success achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Relief to the Parents of Disabled Children

2435. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to give some relief to the parents of disabled children; if the details thereof;

(b) whether Government also plan to fund (N.G.O.s) for their different social activities including for disabled children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) There is a proposal for setting up a National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disability. The objective of the proposed Trust includes providing support to parents for need based services during periods of family crises.

(b) and (c) NGOs are funded through the following schemes by this Ministry:

(1) Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the Disabled Persons.

(2) Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Establishment and Development of Special Schools.

(3) Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Rehabilitation of Leprosy Cured persons.

(4) Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for persons with Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation for Manpower Development.

(5) Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances.

आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में गैर-आदिवासी व्यक्तियों की घुसपैठ

2436. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आजादी के बाद आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में बड़ी संख्या में गैर-आदिवासी लोगों ने घुसपैठ कर ली है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि उनके द्वारा जल, वन और भूमि पर दावा करने के कारण न केवल आदिवासी व्यक्ति बेदखल हुए है बल्कि उक्त घुसपैठ के कारण वन भी बुरी तरह प्रभावित हुए हैं; और